

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY

March 14, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority held a meeting on March 14, 2019 at 1:44 p.m. in the Board Room on the 6th Floor of the MARTA Headquarters Building, 2424 Piedmont Road, Atlanta, Georgia.

Board Members Present

Roberta Abdul-Salaam
Robert L. Ashe III
Robert F. Dallas
Frederick L. Daniels, Jr.
Jim Durrett
Roderick E. Edmond
William "Bill" Floyd
Ryan Carter Glover
Jerry Griffin
Freda B. Hardage
Alicia M. Ivey
Russell McMurry, P.E.*
John "Al" Pond
Christopher S. Tomlinson*
W. Thomas Worthy

MARTA officials in attendance were: General Manager/CEO Jeffrey A. Parker; C-Suite Team Members – Chief Administrative Officer Luz Borrero, Chief System Safety, Security & Emergency Management/Police Wanda Dunham, Chief Financial Officer Gordon L. Hutchinson, Chief of Staff Melissa Mullinax, Chief Counsel Elizabeth O'Neill, Chief Capital Programs, Planning and Innovation Franklin Rucker, Chief Rail Operations David Springstead; AGMs Elayne Berry, LaShanda Dawkins, Virgil Fludd, Benjamin Limmer, Kirk Talbott, Emil Tzanov and Thomas Young (Interim); Chief Information Security Officer Dean Mallis; Executive Director Paula Nash (Interim); Senior Director Lyle Harris (Contract); Directors Rhonda Allen, John Cochran (Acting), Jonathan Hunt, Jacqueline Holland (Acting), Donna Jennings and Steven McClure; Managers Tiffany Jackson, John Remillard, Jim Robinson and Phyllis Walker; Manager Executive Office Administration Tyrene Huff; Sr. Executive Administrators Tonya Gantt and Keri Lee; Others in attendance Tiara Allen, Ed Bishop, Adrien Carter, Abebe Girmay, Saba Long, Courtne Middlebrooks, Terry Ponder, LaTonya Pope.

* Russell R. McMurry, P.E. is Commissioner of Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT); Christopher S. Tomlinson is Executive Director of Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) and therefore, are non-voting members of the MARTA Board of Directors

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Also in attendance were LaToya Brisbane of Holland & Knight; Axel Adams of Rainbow Push Coalition; Joe Beasley of Gresham Transportation; Joe Carn of Fulton County; Vojdani Casa of Arcadis; Ila Collins of S.L. King; Jonathan Crumy of Gresham Transportation; Eric Fisher of Gresham Transportation; Kurt Goddard of Atkins; Namerah O. Handy; Evan Houston of 2MNEXT; Rhonda Johnson of Friends of Clayton Transit; Paul Jones; William Kelly of 2MNEXT; Christiana Kungu of S.L. King; Helen McSwain of MATC; Michael O'Connor of Fulton County; Keith Parker of Clayton County; Russ Pennington of McGuire Woods Consulting; Subash Reddy of 2MNEXT; Cass T. Richmond of MARTA EP&E; Jim Schmidt of HNTB; Jessica St. Julien of S.L. King; Danica Thompson of McGuire Woods Consulting; Kay Wallace; Sherry Williams of Georgia Stand Up; Rica Wright of Friends of Clayton Transit.

Public Comment

Mr. Joe Beasley & Mr. Axel Adams. Commended General Manager/CEO Jeff Parker for the mobility joint venture. Mr. Parker is a man of his word. When we move toward equity, it is good for everyone.

Ms. Kay Wallace. Resident of West End and an avid supporter of effective, efficient and responsive public transit. Fourteen months ago, residents started contacting MARTA about station renaming. This was the third attempt made to rename West End. Each time the community was not engaged, nor approached about the decision to rename. We have attended eleven meetings over the past eleven months. We have a petition signed with 300+ names, we met with the Chair of MARTA's Renaming Committee, we have written letters and made calls. We have made it clear we do not want the station renamed. We would like a resolution to this matter and communication from MARTA.

Ms. Sherry Williams. Recognize the Campbellton Road Light Rail Transit project is a priority for MARTA as well as the City of Atlanta, however, since Campbellton Road Complete Streets is only funded through design, it appears there is a lack of communication between the two agencies to make sure the project is done as the priority that everyone says it is. Regarding the Martin Luther King, Jr. Median Project, the Fire Department have concerns about the portion of MLK Driver between the I20 bridge and Northside Dr. is being changed from four lanes to two lanes and a bicycle lane. A fire truck (or any other large vehicle) cannot pass a MARTA bus, nor any other large vehicle, because of the new design of the street. Residents are complaining as well, regarding the ability to get out of their driveways. Since safety should be number one for all agencies involved, please look into this situation.

Mr. Paul Jones. (Distributed a handout to Chair Hardage.) Regardless of the vote tomorrow on the three DeKalb members, this Board must realize the contract with Fulton, DeKalb and Atlanta will expire August 2021. Page seventy (70) of HB 930 says ... any transit agency made by contract with any local government for any period, not exceeding 50 years (1971-2021 is fifty years). If the referendum passes in Gwinnett, the MARTA Board will need a new contract for those two original counties. I have serious problems with what the CEO in DeKalb is doing. One DeKalb Board member has to be removed in order to have representation from south DeKalb, but to do away with over 20 years of experience/ institutional knowledge is an insult. DeKalb members have staggered terms. The CEO cannot remove all three at the same time.

Ms. Namerah Handy. Represents community riders. Someone should look at the #30 and #133 bus for modifications – it does not show up, leaving riders stranded at Lindbergh. There should be an alternative route. The route is too long. MARTA's communication Center is not responding to new MARTA bus drivers. They are not responding to buses being lost.

Mr. Subash Reddy, Mr. William Kelly & Ms. Evan Houston. Provide geotechnical engineering construction services and aviation, transportation and infrastructure markets. Twenty-percent of our company is in transportation. With the new leadership on the Board and having worked with Mr. Frank Rucker at the airport, we would like to offer our services.

Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors and the Amended Minutes of the January 10, 2019 Meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Ms. Abdul-Salaam, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0, with 15* members present.

Planning & External Relations Committee Report

Mr. Ashe reported the Planning & External Relations Committee met on February 28, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Approval of 2019 – 2022 Title VI Program
- b. Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Service Modifications for April 13, 2019 on Routes 49, 50, 850 and 853

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On motion by Mr. Ashe seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0, with 15* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Media Impressions Quarterly Update – October, November, December
- b) GA 400 Transit Initiative Update
- c) Results of Public Hearings on Service Modifications for April 2019
- d) Media Impressions, Super Bowl LIII

Operations & Safety Committee Report

Mr. Griffin reported the Operations & Safety Committee met on February 28, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a) Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Bus Transmissions, IFB B42010
- b) Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Cummins Engine Exchange Program, IFB B41702
- c) Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of MARTA Natural Gas Supply, IFB B42422
- d) Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for the Procurement of Supplemental Mobility Operations and Maintenance Services Contract Number P43706
- e) Resolution Authorizing Additional Funds for Mobility Operations and Maintenance Services, Contract P34324

On motion by Mr. Griffin seconded by Mr. Durrett, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0, with 15* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefings:

- a) Bus Maintenance Mid-Life Program
- b) MARTA Natural Gas Supply Program

Business Management Committee Report

Mr. Daniels reported that the Business Management Committee met on January 31, 2019 and approved the following resolutions:

- a. Resolution Authorizing Award of a Contract for Disposal of Land Parcel D1158 – Former Stone Mountain Park and Ride Lot Located Northeast of 4th Street and Manor Drive, City of Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, Georgia – IFB B40435-A
- b. Resolution to Sell Easement Rights and Enter Into a New Bridge Entrance Development Agreement at the North Side of Medical Center Station, Sandy Springs, Fulton County, GA
- c. Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Single Source Contract for the Procurement of Workers' Compensation Managed Care Organization Services, (MCO), RFP P42659
- d. Resolution Authorizing a Contract Modification for MARTA's Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance, RFP P32661
- e. Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Proposals for the Procurement of MARTA's Employee Assistance Program, Request for Proposals (RFP) P43310

On motion by Mr. Daniels seconded by Mr. Ashe, the resolutions were unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0, with 15* members present. A copy of the resolutions, **AS APPROVED, ARE ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

The Committee received the following briefing:

- a) FY 2019 December Financials and Key Performance Indicators

A Resolution in Recognition of MARTA's Junior Transit Ambassadors for Exceptional Performance During Super Bowl LIII

On motion by Ms. Abdul-Salaam seconded by Mr. Daniels, the resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 13 to 0, with 15* members present. A copy of the resolution, **AS APPROVED, IS ATTACHED TO AND MADE PART OF THE OFFICIAL RECORD COPY OF THESE MINUTES.**

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Adjournment

The meeting of the MARTA Board of Directors adjourned at 2:10 p.m.